

# WAR NOTHING TO CUPID--MARRIAGE RECORDS BROKEN IN WASHINGTON

## Prince and Pauper, All Alike To Col. Kroll, License Czar, Who Is Breaking Records

Prince and pauper—the lame, the halt and the blind—are all alike when they appear before "Col." William A. Kroll, official "Cupid" at the courthouse in the National Capital, for he is exalted ruler of the marriage license bureau of this city.

It is the most democratic spot on earth. Plebeians rub elbows with those of high degree. Men of military and naval rank are mixed in with private soldiers and "jackies." Diplomats have to wait their turn with bootblacks; ambassadors with junk dealers; royalty with the common herd, because, like death, the marriage license desk levels all ranks, and Col. Kroll plays no favorites in the matrimonial race.

### Marriage Bureau Breaks Record.

He is the same genial fellow all the time. From the highest to the lowest, they go away feeling that they have been honored with the good luck wish he extends to all alike, and it's not his fault if any of them pick a lemon in the garden of love, because they certainly get a good send-off when the barrier goes up.

During his long term of office Col. Kroll has issued more than 40,000 permits to different pairs, granting them the privilege of indulging in wedded bliss or misery, as the case might be.

In that period the President of the United States and his two daughters have applied for marriage licenses through Chief Usher Hoover, of the White House. Foreign ambassadors, various grades of diplomats, dukes, duchesses, counts, countesses, princes, princesses, United States Senators, Congressmen, judges of all the higher courts, and every race and nationality have been represented before the throne over which Col. Kroll presides.

Last year broke all records for the number of licenses issued from the local bureau, but 1918 bids fair to eclipse this remarkable showing. During 1917 exactly 5,841 couples obtained licenses to marry. For the first five months of that year 1,292 pairs were thus honored, segregated as follows, according to the record for each month:

January, 196; February, 296; March, 322; April, 542; May, 438.

The record for the same period during 1918 exceeds this by 265, and to certify prospects for this rate to be maintained throughout the year. For the first five months in 1918 a total of 2,377 licenses have been issued, divided as follows:

January, 454; February, 417; March, 565; April, 695; May, 522.

Last year 644 licenses were issued in June, but this year came in like a whirlwind, and has been keeping up a phenomenal pace ever since, so it is safe to assume that more wedding bells will ring this month than ever heard before in any "June-Bride-Month" at the National Capital.

It has generally been supposed that the war would have a tendency to curtail marriages, but the records do not sustain this theory. On the contrary, there is every reason to think that the sentiment of arde has been one of Cupid's chief assistants in match-making, and that martial airs and military displays have done more to excite the passion of romance than all the humdrum functions of society combined.

The marriage license department at the courthouse is the best school on earth for study of human nature. It does not require the mind of an astrologer to determine what is wanted when an applicant comes in, because it is plain as day on his or her face.

### Col. Kroll Always Known.

Sometimes they try to conceal their anxiety, but it doesn't work worth a cent, for Col. Kroll can tell at a glance what is ailing them, and always comes their rescue whenever they get stalled up, which happens often.

For instance, not one in ten ever think about the preacher. Everything else is arranged for excepting the man who is to tie the knot, and that

## JUNE BRIDES MAINTAINING SIMPLICITY OF WAR TIME

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noy Menefee, of Washington College.

Mr. Menefee is well known in athletic circles. He enlisted in the army some time ago and is now first sergeant in the Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Washington. His bride, after graduating in music at Washington College, attended Peabody Institute at Baltimore. She is an accomplished pianist.

The wedding of Miss Margaret Young, daughter of Mr. Archibald Young, and Mr. Emerson Emerson, of New York, took place on June 1 in the beautiful old Colonial home of Mrs. Martin I. Wilbert in Georgetown. The bride and groom are members of well-known Southern families; her father was the late Archibald Young, of South Carolina, a prominent lawyer of the Washington bar. Mrs. Weeks is a native of North Carolina.

### Another June Bride.

Miss Florence S. Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Burton, was a June bride. Her marriage to J. Milton Derrick took place a few days ago. Upon their return from their wedding journey Mr. and Mrs. Derrick will reside at 591 Quincy street.

The marriage of Miss Mildred Newcomb Wilson to Capt. Daniel Noce, Engineer Corps, U. S. A., formerly of Denver, Colo., took place last Monday at St. Matthew's Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Wilson, of Pelham Manor, N. Y., and for the past winter has been making her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Simon Newcomb, at 1420 P street. Mrs. Newcomb is the wife of the late Commodore Simon Newcomb, U. S. N., of Washington, a well-known astronomer. Capt. Noce is a graduate of the 1917 class of West Point, and at present is stationed at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Mrs. Margaret J. Field, of this city, announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Martha Elizabeth Field and Lieut. Milton T. Noyes, Field Artillery, U. S. N. G., stationed at Annapolis, Md. The wedding took place on June 1, Miss Field going to Annapolis for the ceremony. Lieut. Noyes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Noyes, of Washington.

### Kirk-Raffray Wedding.

One of the weddings of interest scheduled for this month will be that of Miss Mary H. Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Kirk, of Roland Park, Md., to Capt. Jacques Raffray, 5th Infantry, French army, now an instructor at Camp Meade.

Miss Kirk, who is one of the most popular girls in the younger set at P-Baltimore, was presented to society several seasons ago at the bachelorette cotillion. Her sister, Miss Buckner Kirk, has been at Washington since Christmas working for the Red Cross.

Capt. Raffray is a son of Consul General Achille Raffray, in Rome where the family has been living since 1905. The wedding, which will

## Three Beautiful Daughters of Gen. March, Uncle Sam's Chief of Staff, Become War Brides Within Six Months.



GENERAL P. C. MARCH.

"The Daughters of the Army," as their friends speak of the three beautiful daughters of Gen. Peyton C. March, American Chief of Staff.

Miss Josephine March will be a June bride. Her marriage to Maj. Joseph M. Swing, field artillery, U. S. A., will take place tomorrow morning.

Mrs. John Milliken is one of the two daughters of Gen. March who are war brides. Mrs. Milliken was formerly Miss Mildred March. She became the bride of Capt. Milliken, U. S. A., last winter, a few months before he went abroad.

Mrs. Paul Russell Frank, wife of Capt. Frank, U. S. A., formerly Miss Vivian March, was married quietly a short time ago. When Capt. Frank leaves soon for service overseas, Mrs. Frank will make her home with her father.

Weiss, of Germantown, Pa., will be an event of tomorrow afternoon, and Miss Margaret Rowland, daughter of Representative and Mrs. Charles Hedding Rowland, of Philadelphia. The ceremony, which will also take place tomorrow will be very simple, as two sons of Representative and Mrs. Rowland are in France.

Another wedding of great interest tomorrow is that of Mrs. Charles Taber Martin, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, and Clayton Platt, Jr., which will take place at noon in Philadelphia. The ceremony will be attended only by relatives and a few intimate friends, and there will be no reception. Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo and Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Mohrenschmidt, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, will be present.

A number of people will go from Washington to Osmington, N. Y., for the wedding of Miss Molly Beecher and Lieut. A. Rivers Genet which will be an event of Monday (June) Miss Beecher is a granddaughter of the late Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wallace. The bridegroom is a brother of Edmond Genet, of the Lafayette Escadrille, who was killed about a year ago in France, and a great grandson of Citizen Genet, France's first minister to the United States.

### Miss Owens' Marriage.

Emeline Eleanor Owens, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Arthur B. Owens, U. S. M. C., will be a June bride, also Miss Josephine March, daughter of Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff, U. S. A., whose wedding to Maj. Joseph M. Swing, of Newark, N. J., will take place quietly tomorrow morning at St. Margaret's Church.

Miss Elsie Calder, daughter of Senator and Mrs. William M. Calder, will be a June bride; her marriage to Lieut. Robert Corwin Lee, U. S. N., being scheduled for June 15. Lieut. Lee is a son of William A. Lee, of Blackfoot, Idaho, and was graduated from Annapolis in 1910.

Then, too, Lady Randolph Churchill will be a June bride on the occasion of her third marriage, to

Montague Porch, echoes of which have reached across the sea and caused a mild flutter of interest here, and there'll be another wedding of international interest when Mrs. Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt becomes the bride of Raymond T. Baker. Mr. Baker is very popular here and is persona grata with the administration, so there'll be a liberal sprinkling of official folk at the ceremony, which is scheduled to take place on June 12 at Mrs. Vanderbilt's place near Lenox.

Another bride who pledged her troth in the month of June was Miss Katherine Swift, daughter of Mrs. Samuel Swift, of New York, who married Ensign Paul Warburg, U. S. N., son of Paul M. Warburg, of the Federal Reserve Board, and Mrs. Warburg, on Saturday, the 1st of June.

The bride is an accomplished musician, and made her professional debut as a pianist with the Edith Rubel trio last autumn in a local concert. Ensign Warburg is with the Aviation section of the Naval Reserve. He was graduated from Harvard in 1916 with honors, and enlisted soon after this country entered the war. As large as it is, the list of June brides grows daily.

## Old Style as Good as "Last Cry" in Clothes, Thinks Senator Lewis

What does Senator Jim "Ham" Lewis care for style?

Not at all. He appeared on the floor of the Senate yesterday attired in an old fashioned sash of the vintage of thirty years ago.

"Gee, whizz," remarked an observer in the press gallery, "that man's trousers came up high."

"You poor fish," remarked another, "that ain't his pants. That is a sash he is wearing. Can't you see the end of it where his whiskers leave off?"

The sash is battleship gray in color and matches exactly the Palm Beach suit the Senator wore. Senator Lewis paid no attention to comments from his fellow legislators.

### G. P. O. PRESSMEN ASK RAISE.

In response to a petition from the 225 pressmen in the Government Printing Office, Senator Smith, of Arizona, introduced a bill in the Senate yesterday to increase the

hourly wage of the pressmen from 55 cents to 75 cents an hour.

The pressmen argue that they cannot live decently on the meager wage now received, and state that the desired increase is absolutely necessary for them to cope with the ever increasing cost of living.

## Plan Trade Board Outing By Auto at Snyder Hotel

A private auto outing, at which William Claiborne will be the guest of honor, will be held Saturday afternoon by the outing committee of the Board of Trade, to show its appreciation of Mr. Claiborne's work in planning the recent outing of the Board of Trade at Chesapeake Beach.

Other guests of the committee will be William T. Gallier, president of the board, and Samuel J. Prescott, chairman of the executive committee. The party will go by automobile to Snyder's Hotel, about thirty-five miles from Washington on the old Maryland National Pike, through Rockville. Dinner will be served at the hotel.

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